

# W. C. T. U. Column.



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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS:  
ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!

W. C. T. U. PRINCIPLES:  
Total Abstinence; Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection; Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

A house is not always a home. But loving hearts make homes whether they shelter rich or poor. The question every parent should answer for himself is this, "Am I doing all possible to make my dwelling place a true home to the children God has given me?" This does not mean to be a stranger to them, trying to get money they can but leave, while they would be better if made to earn. There are probably more homeless rich, proportionately, than homeless poor; that is, the houses of the poor are more likely to be homes in a truer sense than are the houses of the rich. Wealth builds a fine house; unselfish love alone makes a home. Poverty's love has Heaven's stamp, and the humble home can store as much love as will fill a palace.

The road to home happiness lies over small stepping stones. Your children will think less of what you leave them than what you have said to them and done with them. Do they know of their Heavenly Father through their earthly parents? Do the skies reflect a brighter blue and nature give forth deeper secrets to your children because you have taken the pains to teach and tell them? If so you are making for them the only home influence worth the name. Be sure the memories of such a home will linger fragrant in your children's minds when you shall have gone before them to your eternal home.

Remember how important is the home and home influence. Remember that no matter how strong and mighty to the world you are, your family should see in you the qualities of patience and usefulness that create the so necessary atmosphere for the rearing of Christian character. No matter how poor or humble your station in life before the world, remember that in your own home your influence is royal, and to your children you should leave such a heritage of character that its memory will be a constant inspiration.

Not palaces, but homes, our country needs—true homes that form the school of life's great deeds.—Home Herald.

## Temperance in Great Britain.

The temperance element is showing signs of great activity in England. The liberal government has promised in the past to deal with the liquor question and now it is likely it will have to live up to these promises. Indeed, the ministry has promised to introduce a bill which, while it will not meet the demand of the radicals and teetotalers, will greatly restrict the present unbridled operation of the nuisance.

In just what form the matter will be dealt with is not yet apparent. Definite action leading to permanent results, however, is assured.

Along with this movement will be joined an attempt to tax and restrict the liberties now enjoyed by so many of the so-called clubs, used chiefly for the sale without license of intoxicating liquors. The liquor interests are loud in their protests. They point to the heavy share of national expenditure which taxes on their trade provide. How they can expect to impress the thinking public by the sophistry of such a half truth can be explained only on the ground that as the public has accepted money to permit the liquor traffic in beverage form, they possibly have a warrant for feeling that no logic is too fallacious for acceptance by that same gullible public.—Home Herald.

## Vermont and Child Labor.

Vermont stands at the head of the states of the Union in its requirement that children who work shall first have a reasonable amount of schooling. No child can work in that state until he has deposited with his employer a certificate from the town superintendent of schools that he has completed a nine years' course of study.

That is as it should be. Now let other states follow suit. No child should be robbed of his educational advantages, however desperate the needs of his family. The young—to whom the years of responsibility and opportunity belong—must have their chance, whatever the cost to others. When mothers and fathers realize this there will be small need of child-labor laws. Until then the state must protect its children, not only for their sakes but for its own life's sake.—Union Signal.

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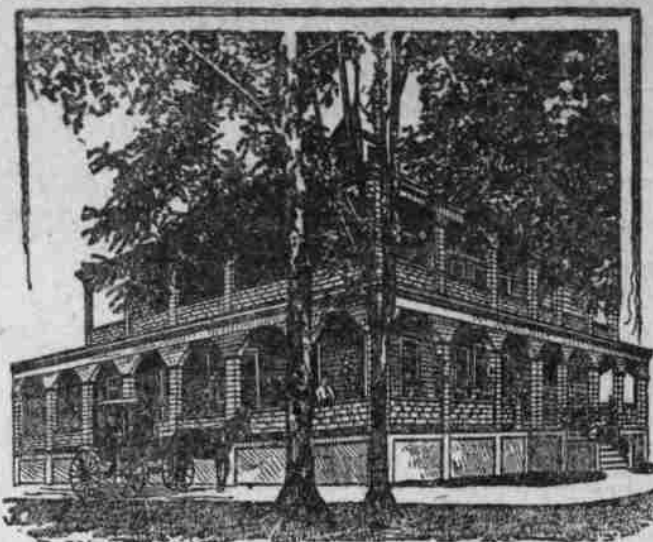
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